

# Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative, Inc.

## Sharing our blessings



*President's Report*  
*Glenn Miller*

As this letter is being composed, I look out my window and see the occasional passing of a snowflake and the crisp white snow-covered ground. The thermometer is reading 18 degrees and the windchill is well below that. I don't need to tell you that Ohio winters can be very brutal. That is when we are often called upon to look after our neighbors and the elderly in our community. It also can be a very dangerous time for those less fortunate.

Our community is known for its kinship and the way we come together to take care of our own. One of those examples is the Holmes-Wayne Electric Operation Round Up program. We are beginning our fifth year of the program, which allows you, the member/owners of the cooperative, to round up your HWEC bill every month. The change that you donate is placed into our Operation Round Up foundation. The foundation disburses funds to individuals, families and organizations within our service territory, therefore helping our own neighbors and keeping the dollars within our community. Operation Round Up is not meant to be a replacement for current local organizations and programs, but is meant to help those who may have slipped through the cracks or assist those in dire circumstances.

In the last four years, Holmes-Wayne members have donated more than \$254,000, and more than \$145,000 has been distributed within our community. That is a pretty amazing accomplishment when you consider that the entire amount of money was raised by just rounding your bill to the next even dollar each month. The remaining funds are in an interest-bearing account. These funds will continue to be used for future requests and as a rainy day fund for large catastrophic events.

Funds are distributed by a five-member board that is selected by your Holmes-Wayne Electric Board of Trustees. It is an honor for me to serve on this board, and I want to thank the board members for their donated time and dedication to our community. The additional members include Dan Mathie, president of the board; Harold Neuenschwander, vice president; Lisa Grassbaugh, secretary; and Don Buren, Holmes-Wayne Electric Board representative. As a board, we take seriously our responsibility of being good stewards of your donated funds.

On the following page you will see a summary of funds distributed in 2009. We would like to thank all members who participate in this program and for your generosity.

As we face an unfriendly economy, programs like Operation Round Up are vital to those in our community in need. Thank you for allowing us to be a tool to make a difference in our corner of the world. It is a pleasure to serve a membership that is so generous and caring toward its neighbors.

## Board of Trustees

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# Holmes-Wayne Electric announcements

## Keeping you informed

HWEC works hard to provide reliable service to all of our members. There are times when the cooperative must create a temporary planned outage. In order to contact members about such an occasion, it is important for all cooperative members to maintain an active phone number.

A correct phone number in the HWEC system also allows for quick reference for after-hours outage reporting. If you currently do not have an active or correct phone number, please contact the office toll-free at 866-674-1055 or e-mail us at [meterreading@hwecoop.com](mailto:meterreading@hwecoop.com).



## Adding to your business or farm?

A friendly reminder that if you are adding to your business or farm, contact Holmes-Wayne Electric to discuss your future electric needs. Additions of equipment can directly impact your service needs and the overall electric load required by the cooperative.

Please contact Kenny DePriest toll-free at 866-674-1055.

## *Congratulations!*

Holmes-Wayne Electric would like to recognize the following employees who recently celebrated a milestone in their careers with the cooperative.

Their service is greatly appreciated.



Nolan Hartzler  
GIS Mapping Technician  
5 Years



Robyn Tate  
Public Relations/Human Res.  
5 Years



Tim Vickers  
Contractor Supervisor  
5 Years



Ronnie Schlegel  
Board Chairman  
25 Years





# 2009 Operation Round Up Summary

Assist family with rent through agency recommendation; Millersburg	\$500.00
Assist family with stove; Millersburg	\$569.95
Assist family with bed for child sleeping in closet; Lakeville	\$555.87
Assist family with medication through agency recommendation; Jeromesville	\$500.00
Holmes Cty. Mission Project—home projects/repairs for elderly; Holmes Cty.	\$750.00
Assist single parent who was laid off with car repairs; West Salem	\$885.26
Assist elderly spouse with funeral expenses; Millersburg	\$500.00
Bigelow/Lakeville United Methodist Church Food Pantry; Lakeville	\$1,000.00
Richland Twp. Fire Department—rescue equipment; Glenmont	\$1,000.00
Assist family facing life-threatening uninsured medical procedure; Big Prairie	\$5,567.00
Holmes County Council of Aging—Senior Center	\$1,000.00
Assist family with rent after uninsured accident; Big Prairie	\$1,050.00
Assist family with appliances; Millersburg	\$509.95
Assist individual with clothing and furniture following house fire; Wooster	\$1,000.00
Holmes County Home; processing of meat from donated fair animals	\$1,420.52
FHFH covers processing of donated deer meat; Holmes and Wayne counties	\$1,500.00
Assist family with clothing and furniture following house fire; Wooster	\$1,000.00
Assist family with clothing and furniture following house fire; Shreve	\$1,000.00
Assist family with school supplies and clothing; Millersburg	\$100.00
Salvation Army; processing of meat from donated fair animals; Wooster	\$400.40
YMCA after-school at-risk children's program; Wooster	\$985.43
Millersburg Church of God food pantry; Millersburg	\$1,000.00
Town & Country Fire Department—children's Christmas gift project; West Salem	\$1,000.00
Viola Stutzman Free Clinic; Wooster	\$1,000.00
Nashville park—assist with building of consession stand and restrooms	\$1,000.00
Holmes County Share-A-Christmas	\$1,000.00
Salvation Army—Holmes County	\$1,000.00
Salvation Army—Wayne County	\$1,000.00
Hospice—Holmes County	\$1,000.00
Hospice—Wayne County	\$1,000.00
American Red Cross—Holmes County	\$1,000.00
American Red Cross—Wayne County	\$1,000.00
Every Woman's House—Holmes County	\$1,000.00
Every Woman's House—Wayne County	\$1,000.00
West Salem Outreach & Food Pantry	\$1,000.00
Holmes County Lighthouse Love Center Food Pantry	\$1,000.00
Junior Achievement K-12 program for Holmes and Wayne counties	\$2,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38,794.38</b>

# HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Are your parents members of Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative?

**You could win a college, vocational or technical school scholarship totaling**

# \$4,755\*

1. Applicants must be a son, daughter or legal ward of Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative member living on the lines and receiving service at the time of the local and statewide competition.
2. All applications must be submitted (typed) on forms obtainable from your local high school guidance office, Holmes-Wayne Electric office or at [www.hwecoop.com](http://www.hwecoop.com).
3. All applications must be submitted or post-marked to Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative office by Feb. 12.
4. Applicants must have all basic credits for college or proper\*\* vocational or technical school entrance. They must have a current career grade-point average of "B+" (3.5 on a 4-point scale) or better and must be accepted, then enrolled (when they receive the award), in the accredited college or proper\*\* vocational or technical school of their choice.
5. Any applicant who has received a full-tuition scholarship to the school of his/her choice is not eligible for a scholarship.
6. All scholarships must be accepted in the first academic year after proof of enrollment is received.
7. Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative local first-place winners in both boys' and girls' division will be eligible to participate in the statewide competition.
8. Local winners will include both girls' and boys' divisions of \$2,000 first place, \$1,500 second place and \$1,000 third place.

**For information, contact:  
Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative  
Toll-free 866-674-1055**

**\*\*Proper vocational or technical schools must educate**

**\* Seven scholarships for both the boys' and girls' divisions will be awarded by our statewide organization and amounts include local 1st place winnings.**

**Second place: .....\$3,425\***

**Third place: .....\$2,650\***

**Fourth place: .....\$1,540**

**Fifth place:.....\$1,430**

**Sixth place: .....\$1,320**

**Seventh place: .....\$1,200**

